## In the Claims:

Please replace the prior claim set with the following replacement claim set:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A method of cleaning a hard surface, said method comprising:

  [applying] spraying a non-corrosive, low-fuming composition [to] onto the surface, said composition comprising:
- (a) from about 3.0 wt-% to about 20.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates;
- (b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 20 wt-% of an alkalinity source effective to provide a pH of from about 10 to about 14 to said composition;
- (c) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of at least one thickening agent to promote adhesion of said thickened, non-corrosive composition to the surface upon application;
- (d) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of fatty acid stabilizer to maintain a homogenous mixture of said at least one detergent builder, at least one thickening agent, and alkalinity source;
- (e) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant effective to provide detergency to the thickened, non-corrosive low-fuming composition said anionic surfactant selected from the group consisting of an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl sulfonate, a disulphonate compound, an alkyl ether sulfate, an alkyl ether sulfonate, and mixtures thereof;
  - (f) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator; and
  - (g) a balance of water;

wherein the composition is [sprayable and] substantially free of chlorine.

- 2. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said surface is substantially vertical, and wherein said composition contains at least 0.1 wt-% of at least one thickening agent.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein upon application of said non-corrosive composition to the substantially vertical surface at least about 75 wt-% of the applied non-



corrosive low-fuming composition adheres to the surface for a time period up to about 30 minutes.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said thickening agent comprises one or more polycarboxylate polymers.

# 5. (Cancelled)

- 6. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one detergent builder is sodium tripolyphosphate.
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said alkalinity source is an alkali metal hydroxide and is present in an amount of from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3 wt-%.

### 8. (Cancelled)

- 9. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said composition includes at least 0.1 wt-% of a metal ion chelator.
- 10. (Previously Amended) A sprayable thickened hard surface cleaning composition comprising:
- (a) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 20.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates; salts of alkali metal borates, phosphates, carbonates and bicarbonates; and mixtures thereof;
- (b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of at least one thickening agent effective to provide increased viscosity;
- (c) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide to provide a pH of about 10 to about 14;
- (d) from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant to provide detergency to the composition;

- (e) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of a fatty acid stabilizer effective to maintain a homogenous mixture of said at least one detergent builder, at least one thickening agent, and alkali metal hydroxide;
  - (f) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator; and
  - (g) a balance of water;

wherein said composition is substantially free of chlorine.

### 11. (Cancelled)

- 12. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 10, wherein said composition has a viscosity ranging from about 30 to about [300] 70 Cps. at 25°C.
- 13. (Original) The composition of claim 10, wherein said composition has a pH of about 12 to 13.5.
- 14. (Original) The composition of claim 10, wherein said composition comprises from about 0.1 wt-% to 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide and the pH of said composition is greater than about 11.
- 15. (Previously Amended) The composition of claim 10, wherein said composition comprises:
  - (a) from about 1.0 wt-% to about 20.0 wt-% of an alkali metal tripolyphosphate;
  - (b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of sodium hydroxide.
- 16. (Original) The composition of claim 15, wherein said alkali metal tripolyphosphate comprises sodium tripolyphosphate.

#### 17.-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A method of cleaning a hard surface, said method comprising:

applying a sprayable non-corrosive, low-fuming composition to the surface, said composition consisting essentially of:

- (a) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 20.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates; salts of alkali metal borates, phosphates, carbonates and bicarbonates; and mixtures thereof;
- (b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 20 wt-% of an alkalinity source effective to provide a pH of from about 10 to about 14 to said composition;
- (c) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of at least one thickening agent to promote adhesion of said thickened, non-corrosive composition to the surface upon application;
- (d) [from about 0.0 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of fatty acid stabilizer to maintain a homogenous mixture of said at least one detergent builder, at least one thickening fagent, and alkalinity source;
- (e)] from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant effective to provide detergency to the thickened, non-corrosive low-fuming composition said anionic surfactant selected from the group consisting of an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl sulfonate, a disulphonate compound, an alkyl ether sulfate, an alkyl ether sulfonate, and mixtures thereof;
  - ([f] e) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator;
  - (f) an optional dye; and
  - (g) [a balance of] water.
- 24. (Previously Added) The method of claim 1, wherein said composition comprises from about 3.0 wt-% to about 13.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates.
- 25. (Previously Added) The method of claim 1, wherein said composition comprises from about 0.5 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant.

- 26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [25] 1, wherein the anionic surfactant comprises an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl aryl sulfonate, or a mixture thereof.
- 27. (Previously Added) The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one thickening agent comprises one or more expandable clays.
- 28. (Previously Added) The composition of claim 10, wherein said composition comprises from about 3.0 wt-% to about 13.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates.
- 29. (Previously Added) The composition of claim 10, wherein said composition comprises from about 0.5 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant.
- 30. (Previously Added) The composition of claim 10, wherein the anionic surfactant comprises an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl aryl sulfonate, or a mixture thereof.
- 31. (Previously Added) The composition of claim 10, wherein said at least one thickening agent comprises one or more expandable clays.
- 32. (Previously Added) The composition of claim 10, wherein said at least one thickening agent comprises a xantham gum.
- 33. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 10, wherein said composition consists essentially of:
- (a) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 20.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates; salts of alkali metal borates, phosphates, carbonates and bicarbonates; and mixtures thereof;
- (b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of at least one thickening agent effective to provide increased viscosity;

- (c) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide to provide a pH of about 10 to about 14;
- (d) from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant to provide detergency to the composition;
- (e) [from about 0.0 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of a fatty acid stabilizer effective to maintain a homogenous mixture of said at least one detergent builder, at least one thickening agent, and alkali metal hydroxide;
  - (f)] from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator;
  - (f) an optional dye; and
  - (g) [a balance of] water.
- 34. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 33, wherein said composition consists essentially of:
- (a) from about 3.0 wt-% to about 13.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates;
- (b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of at least one thickening agent comprising one or more polycarboxylate polymers;
- (c) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide to provide a pH of about 10 to about 14;
- (d) from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant comprising an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl aryl sulfonate, or a mixture thereof;
- (e) [from about 0.0 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of a fatty acid stabilizer effective to maintain a homogenous mixture of said at least one detergent builder, at least one thickening agent, and alkali metal hydroxide;
  - (f)] from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator;
  - (f) a dye; and
  - (g) [a balance of] water.

### 35.-38. (Cancelled)

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39. (Previously Added) The method of claim 23, wherein said composition contains from about 3.0 wt-% to about 13.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from sodium tripolyphosphate, potassium tripolyphosphate, or mixtures thereof; and from about 0.2 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of at least one thickening agent comprising (i) one or more polycarboxylate polymers, (ii) one or more expandable clays, (iii) or a mixture thereof.

## 40.-42. (Cancelled)

- 43. (Previously Added) The method of claim 23, wherein the step of applying comprises spraying the composition.
- 44. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, wherein the sprayable composition has a viscosity ranging from about 30 to about [100] 70 Cps at 25°C.
- 45. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one thickening agent comprises a xantham gum.
- 46. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said composition comprises from greater than 0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator, said metal ion chelator consisting of sodium gluconate.
  - 47. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said composition consists essentially of:
- (a) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 20.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates; salts of alkali metal borates, phosphates, carbonates and bicarbonates; and mixtures thereof;
- (b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of at least one thickening agent effective to provide increased viscosity;
- (c) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide to provide a pH of about 10 to about 14;

- (d) from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant to provide detergency to the composition;
  - (e) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator;
  - (f) an optional dye; and
  - (g) water.
- 48. (New) The composition of claim 47, wherein said composition consists essentially of:
- (a) from about 3.0 wt-% to about 13.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates;
- (b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of at least one thickening agent comprising one or more polycarboxylate polymers;
- (c) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide to provide a pH of about 10 to about 14;
- (d) from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant comprising an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl aryl sulfonate, or a mixture thereof;
  - (e) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator;
  - (f) an optional dye; and
  - (g) water.
- 49. (New) The composition of claim 47, wherein said composition consists essentially of:
- (a) from about 3.0 wt-% to about 13.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates;
- (b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of at least one thickening agent comprising a mixture of (i) one or more polycarboxylate polymers, and (ii) a xantham gum;
- (c) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide to provide a pH of about 10 to about 14;
- (d) from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant comprising an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl aryl sulfonate, or a mixture thereof;



- (e) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator;
- (f) an optional dye; and
- (g) water.
- 50. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein said composition consists essentially of:
- (a) from about 3.0 wt-% to about 13.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates;
- (b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of at least one thickening agent comprising one or more polycarboxylate polymers;
- (c) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide to provide a pH of about 10 to about 14;
- (d) from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant comprising an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl aryl sulfonate, or a mixture thereof;
  - (e) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator;
  - (f) an optional dye; and
  - (g) water.
  - 51. (New) The method of claim 50, wherein said composition consists essentially of:
- (a) from about 3.0 wt-% to about 13.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates;
- (b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of at least one thickening agent comprising a mixture of (i) one or more polycarboxylate polymers, and (ii) a xantham gum;
- (c) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide to provide a pH of about 10 to about 14;
- (d) from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant comprising an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl aryl sulfonate, or a mixture thereof;
  - (e) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator;
  - (f) an optional dye; and
  - (g) water.



- 52. (New) A thickened hard surface cleaning composition consisting essentially of:
- (a) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 20.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates; salts of alkali metal borates, phosphates, carbonates and bicarbonates; and mixtures thereof;
- (b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of at least one thickening agent effective to provide increased viscosity;
- (c) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide to provide a pH of about 10 to about 14;
- (d) from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant to provide detergency to the composition;
  - (e) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator;
  - (f) an optional dye; and
  - (g) water.
- 53. (New) The composition of claim 52, wherein said composition consists essentially of:
- (a) from about 3.0 wt-% to about 13.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates;
- (b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of at least one thickening agent comprising one or more polycarboxylate polymers;
- (c) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide to provide a pH of about 10 to about 14;
- (d) from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant comprising an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl aryl sulfonate, or a mixture thereof;
  - (e) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator;
  - (f) an optional dye; and
  - (g) water.
- 54. (New) The composition of claim 52, wherein said composition consists essentially





- (a) from about 3.0 wt-% to about 13.0 wt-% of at least one detergent builder selected from tripolyphosphates;
- (b) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 5 wt-% of at least one thickening agent comprising a mixture of (i) one or more polycarboxylate polymers, and (ii) a xantham gum;
- (c) from about 0.1 wt-% to about 3.0 wt-% of an alkali metal hydroxide to provide a pH of about 10 to about 14;
- (d) from about 0.5 wt-% to about 5.0 wt-% of an anionic surfactant comprising an alkyl sulfate, an alkyl aryl sulfonate, or a mixture thereof;
  - (e) from about 0.0 wt-% to about 2.0 wt-% of a metal ion chelator;
  - (f) an optional dye; and
  - (g) water.